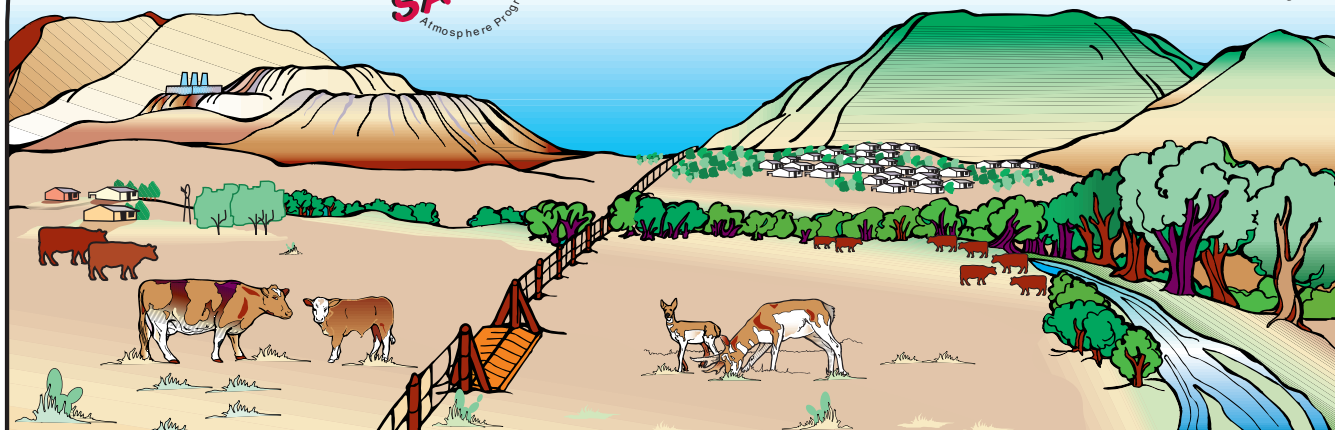


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DESCRIPTION: "Divided waters - Common ground / Aguas divididas - Áreas comunes" is a bi-national conference designed to foster knowledge exchange and cooperation among scientists, resource managers, and resource users in the environmentally sensitive Upper San Pedro Basin (USPB) of Sonora, Mexico and Arizona, USA. A three-day conference, November 8-10, 1999, is sponsored by members of the Semi-Arid Land-Surface-Atmosphere ("SALSA") Program, a multi-agency, multi-national global change research effort centered on the USPB. Representatives from local, state, and federal US and Mexican agencies, organizations, and stake-holder groups will be invited to participate. The event will be truly "bi-national," consisting of three venues: Cananea, Sonora on the first day; field sites in Mexico and the USA on the second day; and Bisbee, Arizona on the final day.

FOCUS: This conference will examine ecological and hydrological status and trends in the Upper San Pedro Basin and will explore ways of making science research results more applicable to the needs of resource managers and users. Topics emphasized at the Cananea session will include: environmental history of the USPB, human dimensions of environmental change, current ecological research and management, and socio-economic issues affecting ecological management. Topics emphasized at the Bisbee session will include: hydrological history of the USPB, current hydrological research, groundwater modeling, biohydrology and riparian ecosystems, water policy and management framework, and information resources for water management. An all day "field session" will be held at various sites in the Upper Basin. Topics discussed at the field sites will include: the impact of local industry and urban development on the USPB environment, riparian and upland research and management activities, and land cover changes.

FORMAT: The program will feature invited platform presentations, poster sessions, demonstrations, interactive case studies, and visits to field sites within the USPB.

The presentations and discussions will be simultaneously translated into Spanish and English and the conference proceedings will be published in both languages. Ample time will be available for informal discussions and interaction among participants.

CONTACTS: The Final Program Announcement with additional information about the conference schedule, registration, speakers, and submission of abstracts will follow in the next few weeks. This information will also be made available on the SALSA website:

<http://www.tucson.ars.ag.gov/salsa/salsahome.html>

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